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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-11 and 14-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 12 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 8, 9, 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 8, 9,

Applicant has recited the limitation "5 micron energy", it is not clear within the claim language what units of energy is the applicant referring to, thereby the claim is indefinite.

Regarding claim 17-19,

Applicant has recited the limitation "pumpable at 5 micron", it is not clear within the claim language what the 5 micron represent, therefore the claim is indefinite.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1- are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Vodopyanov (US 6,785,041).

Regarding claim 1,

Figures 2 and 3 illustrate a laser system for producing infrared light [applicant's infrared radiation] having cascaded optical parametric oscillators (OPO), where OPO (16) pumps [applicant's pumping] OPO (22), which provides varied wavelengths [applicant's tunable] over range of 5 micron to 10 micron, as disclosed in column 3 lines 3-6.

Regarding claim 2,

Figures 2 and 3 illustrate OPO (16) [applicant's pumping step] pumping OPO (22).

Regarding claim 3,

Column 3 lines 26-30, discloses a plurality of phase matched crystals, which may be used for OPO (16) [applicant's pumping OPO].

Regarding claim 4,

Column 2 lines 1-2 discloses the laser pump source as having a narrow range of wavelengths [applicant's narrow line width].

Regarding claims 6, 7, 16,

Figures 2 and 3 illustrate laser (12) providing a pump wavelength (λ_p) [applicant's seeding] for pumping OPO (16).

Regarding claim 10,

Column 3 lines 5-6 discloses providing varied wavelengths [applicant's tunable] over the range of 5 micron to 10 micron.

Regarding claims 11, 14, 15,

Figures 2 and 3 illustrate a laser system for producing infrared light [applicant's infrared radiation] having cascaded optical parametric oscillators (OPO), where OPO (16) pumps [applicant's pumping] OPO (22), which provides varied wavelengths [applicant's tunable] over range of 5 micron to 10 micron, as disclosed in column 3 lines 3-6. Column 3 lines 26-30, discloses a plurality of phase matched crystals, which may be used for OPO (16) [applicant's pumping OPO].

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 12, 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 17-19 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ whose telephone number is 571-272-1952. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MINSUN HARVEY can be reached on 571-272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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